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Oburoto	84	5
Ode	135	5
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Treaties under Form No. 1.

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Akri Ugidi	95	„ 11, „
Ase (Assay)	54	January 31, „
Iga	127	October 31, „
Igara	158	September 23, „
Igbaku..	125	October 23, „
Ishequa and Assay	91	„ 10, „
Kolama	1	December 18, „
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Ogrugu	129	November 1, „
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Osomari and Munakor	99	„ 16, „
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Utshi, Obomo, &c.	97	„ 13, „

Form No. 1.

AFTER the years' experience, we, the undersigned , fully recognize the benefit accorded to our country and people by our intercourse with the National African Company (Limited), and, in recognition of this, we now cede the whole of our territory to the National African Company (Limited), and their administrators, for ever. In consideration of this, the National African Company (Limited) will not interfere with any of the native laws, and also not encroach on any private property unless the value is agreed upon by the owner and the said Company.

The National African Company (Limited) will reserve to themselves the right of excluding foreign settlers.

Any palaver that may exist with any other tribe at any time, or in the event of any dispute arising between the and territory, shall at once be referred to the National African Company (Limited) or their representative at the time.

We, the and district, do hereby agree to afford assistance at any time for the protection of the said Company's property and people.

As per mutual consent of the of the foregoing Agreement, the National African Company (Limited) agreed to pay .

Pro the National African Company (Limited),
(Signed) DAVID McINTOSH.

In approval of the foregoing Agreement, we, the , do herewith affix our names as under.

We, the Undersigned, are witnesses to the marks of the , and also vouch for their understanding what they have signed.

I do hereby declare that the foregoing Agreement was duly and correctly explained to the above , and they fully understood it.

Declared before me at , this day of , 18 .

(Signed) EDWARD HYDE HEWETT,
Her Britannic Majesty's Consul.

(Consular seal affixed here.)

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Ojormah	112	August 30, „
Oko Onono	113	„ 29, „
Onitsha	114	„ 20, „
Onono (see Oko Onono).		

Form No. 2.

We, the , after years' experience, fully recognize the benefit accorded to our country and people by their intercourse with the National African Company (Limited), and in recognition of this we now cede the whole of our territory to the National African Company (Limited), and their administrators for ever.

In consideration of this, the National African Company (Limited) agree:—

1. The said Company will not interfere with any of the native laws, and will not encroach on any private property unless the value is agreed upon by the owner and the said Company.

2. The said Company will not interfere with any of the ground now occupied by the natives of the country unless agreed to by both sides.

3. The said Company reserve to themselves the right of excluding foreign settlers other than those now settled in the country.

4. The said Company agree to respect the rights of the native land-owners, and the said Company will not take possession of their land without payment of the same.

Done in triplicate, this day of , 188 , at .

Pro the National African Company (Limited),

(Signed) DAVID McINTOSH.

Witness to the above mark signatures:

I, the Undersigned, do hereby declare this Agreement was correctly interpreted, and the natives fully understood what they signed.

(Signed) N. Robert Taylor.

Thus declared by N. Robert Taylor, before me, this day of , 188 , at .

(Signed) EDWARD HYDE HEWETT,
Her Britannic Majesty's Consul.

(Consular seal affixed here.)

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Atani	106	„ 20, „
Odekwe	108	„ 24, „
Oko Amakom	110	October 10, „
Oko Anara	109	„ 9, „
Osebiti	107	September 25, „

Form No. 3.

We, the undersigned ,
in consideration of the benefit that is done to our country by their establishing factories in

it, do hereby cede the whole of our country to the National African Company (Limited), and their administrators, for ever, and do hereby undertake not to allow any other persons to settle in it without the National African Company's consent.

In consideration of such privilege being granted to them, the National African Company (Limited) do hereby on their part undertake:—

Firstly.—To respect all native laws and customs of the country, and not to interfere with the existing rights of any of the natives without first obtaining their consent.

Secondly.—To assist the
in everything that may conduce to the welfare of the country and to the promotion of trade.

Should the National African Company (Limited) require land at any place in the country ceded to them for any purpose whatever, they, the National African Company (Limited), will compensate the owner or owners thereof.

The National African Company (Limited) reserve to themselves the right of excluding any foreigners from the country should they think fit.

In consideration of the foregoing privilege accorded the National African Company (Limited), the National African Company (Limited) agrees to pay a yearly duty of
measures, local value, to
.

Pro the National African Company (Limited),
(Signed) D. McINTOSH.

We, the Undersigned, are witnesses to the marks of the
, and also vouch for their understanding what they have signed.

Done in triplicate, this day of , 188 .

I certify the signatures of as being those of the persons themselves, and, further, that a copy of this Agreement has been handed to me for registry in my Consulate.

(Signed) EDWARD HYDE HEWETT,
Her Britannic Majesty's Consul.

(Consular seal affixed here.)

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Akpama and Omoluku	173	„ 18, „
Akpoko	168	April 30, „
Amara..	166	May 5, „
Amowa	178	March 16, „
Arago (see Channa).		
Ashiku..	204	April 10, „
Ataya and Utukupari	169	May 26, „
Ayelli	172	March 17, „
Ayinshi	205	April 9, „
Bakurana	181	„ 25, „
Bassa (Ayelli)	162	May 27, „
Bassa (Abaji)	163	„ 21, „
Bawuru	167	„ 5, „
Bazeni	207	April 10, „
Boulah..	233	October 3, 1886
Brahmio	234	„ 3, „
Byonga	186	April 18, 1885
Chagabo	184	„ 11, „
Channa and Arago	306	March 7, „
Chomul	229	July 18, „
Doma	305	May 22, „
Gashaka	317	April 20, „
Igi	185	„ 11, „
Illah	179	„ 18, „

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Kateshi (see Ojo).		
Laffia	307	December 16, „
Neawe	177	April 18, „
Nuhar	202	„ 11, „
Numan	232	July 19, „
Ojo and Kateshi	160	May 13, „
Ojogo	174	March 18, „
Ojogo (Upper)	175	April 13, „
Okoro	227	„ 9, „
Onimasha	165	May 7, „
Omoloku (see Akpama).		
Opal	230	August 14, „
Osepi, &c.	171	April 29, „
Ribohn, &c.	161	May 7, „
Utukupari (see Ataya).		
Yanapura or Inishi	176	April 16, „
Zungwali	235	October 3, 1886
Zuwo	170	March 19, 1885

Form No. 4.

Agreement made on the day of , 1885, between
on the one hand, and the National African Company (Limited) on the other hand.

We, the undersigned King and Chiefs of , with the view to the bettering of the condition of our country and people, do this day cede to the National African Company (Limited), their heirs and assigns, for ever, the whole of our territory extending from .

We also give to the said National African Company (Limited) full power to settle all native disputes arising from any cause whatever, and we pledge ourselves not to enter into any war with other tribes without the sanction of the said National African Company (Limited).

We also understand that the said National African Company (Limited) have full power to mine, farm, and build in any portion of our .

We bind ourselves not to have any intercourse with any strangers or foreigners except through the said National African Company (Limited), and we give the said National African Company (Limited) full power to exclude all other strangers and foreigners from our territory at their discretion.

In consideration of the foregoing, the said National African Company (Limited) bind themselves not to interfere with any of the native laws or customs of the country, consistently with the maintenance of order and good government.

The said National African Company (Limited) agree to pay native owners of land a reasonable amount for any portion they may require.

The said National African Company (Limited) bind themselves to protect the said King and Chiefs from the attacks of any neighbouring aggressive tribes.

In consideration of the above, the said National African Company (Limited) have this day paid the said King and Chiefs of goods to the value of , receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

This Agreement having been interpreted to us, the above-mentioned King and Chiefs of , we hereby approve aad accept it for ourselves and for our people with their consent, and in testimony of this, having no knowledge of writing, do affix our marks below it, and I, Egbert Dangerfield, for and on behalf of the said National African Company (Limited), do hereby affix my hand.

(For David McIntosh),
(Signed) EGBERT DANGERFIELD.

We, the undersigned witnesses, do hereby solemnly declare that the King and Chiefs whose names are placed their respective have in our presence affixed their of their own free will and consent, and the said has in our presence affixed his signature.

Declaration by Interpreter.

I, , native of , do hereby solemnly declare that I am well acquainted with the language, and that on the day , 1885, I truly and faithfully explained the above Agreement to all the Chiefs present, and that they understood its meaning.

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Abojaga	149	March 11, 1885
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Adagua	143	March 7, „
Adanapa	298	February 4, „
Adiawayi	71	„ 23, „
Adjarra	144	March 7, „
Affor	65	December 5, 1884
Agagba	58	„ 9, „
Agbeni	25	October 26, 1885
Agberi	51	April 16, 1884
Agegba	147	March 7, 1885
Agodamah	20	June 12, „
Agoubiri	24	October 26, „
Agoorou	29	„ 27, „
Ajuberi	238	June 18, 1888
Akabri	15	„ 12, 1885
Akaw	6	„ 10, „
Akedda	267	November 13, 1886
Akoumbri	26	October 27, 1885
Akpeh	57	December 10, 1884
Akuroe	148	March 10, 1885
Alatubeni	278	September 8, 1888
Allah	134	December 20, 1884
Amassama (Moasamah Creek)	23	October 26, 1885
Amassamah (Ayakruamah to Baccabo) ..	240	June 14, 1888
Anamobo	131	December 24, 1884
Angalabiri	40	„ 27, „
Angiama (next higher to Angalabiri) ..	34	„ 27, „
Angiama (Angiama to Awakoraga)	9	June 10, 1885
Anyama (Great)	59	December 9, 1884
Anyama (Small)	60	„ 9, „
Appelebiri	33	February 17, 1885
Aroua	30	October 27, „
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Ayenneh	150	March 12, „
Ayebobiri	45	April 24, 1884
Babalabri	16	June 12, 1885
Baccabo	242	„ 16, 1888
Bakepike	13	„ 11, 1885
Bakundi	310	February 18, „
Balabri	277	September 7, 1888
Baragola	243	June 12, „
Batoro	18	„ 12, 1885
Beaufort Island	295	February 18, „
Bomodija	241	June 12, 1888
Bomodigi	17	„ 12, 1885
Borotu	244	„ 16, 1888
Eberede	61	December 9, 1884
Eberedeno	55	„ 10, „
Eboo	139	„ 22, „
Edoni	279	September 7, 1888
Effeku	146	February 25, 1885
Effeta	126	March 26, „
Egbador	137	„ 6, „
Egbeddi	22	October 26, „
Egbuku	62	December 8, 1884
Egweh	155	March 17, 1885

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Ejoda	157	March 26, 1885
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Ekperiwari	68	February 23, „
Emblama	49	April 23, 1884
Epedeh	44	„ 9, „
Esajoto	274	September 5, 1888
Esangama	245	June 13, „
Evorogbo	56	December 10, 1884
Finebah	247	June 16, 1888
Foonoweh	273	September 12, „
Foropah	275	„ 6, „
Froukama	246	June 17, „
Gana Gana	249	„ 16, „
Gloria Ibo	120	April 12, 1885
Goolah	248	August 28, 1888
Ibatsha	83	„ 16, 1885
Ibo (see Gloria Ibo).		
Idu (see Okaba Idu).		
Igabo	73	February 21, „
Igbokeyen	136	March 3, „
Ikambri	5	June 10, „
Ikolo	14	„ 11, „
Illushi	140	February 28, „
Imputa	87	March 28, „
Imusu (see Okija Imusu).		
Inyehreh	151	August 20, „
Isara	260	February 24, „
Itshicke (see Okija Itshicke).		
Izin	262	December 19, 1884
Jackan	228	August 12, 1885
Kabiama	28	October 27, „
Kiama	47	April 23, 1884
Kobama	250	June 13, 1888
Lobia	276	September 5, „
Matulu	27	October 27, 1885
Mpoh	115	June 6, „
Nsube	118	February 27, „
Ntegi	116	May 23, „
Obagwa	259	April 4, 1886
Obeallah	141	March 7, 1885
Obeze (see Opai Obeze).		
Obiagwey	96	February 28, „
Obikwere	66	January 5, „
Obiodiobiri	35	December 27, 1884
Obirikom	82	September 21, 1886
Obokeno	251	June 18, 1888
Oboro (Obokeno to Orudda)	253	„ 18, „
„ (from the sea to Forobeni)	280	September 7, „
Oburoto	84	August 16, 1885
Ode	135	December 23, 1884
Odeleque	138	„ 22, 1885
Odogoberi	254	June 18, 1888
Odoni	50	April 15, 1884
Ofinama	48	„ 24, „
Ofonibahan	70	February 23, 1885
Ogalay (Great)	37	June 15, 1886
„ (Small)	36	December 27, 1884
Ogoh	255	June 18, 1888
Ogollama	32	December 27, 1884
Ogu Anotsha	86	April 28, 1886
Oguta	85	March 23, 1885
Okaba	75	February 21, „
„ Idu	81	October 16, 1886
„ Omoku	80	„ 15, „
Okija Imusu	264	November 4, „
„ Itshicke	78	September 26, 1885
„ Umudara	79	„ 27, „
Okobeni	256	June 18, 1888
Okoloba	252	„ 18, „
Okomedu	100	March 4, 1885
Olodiama	38	June 15, 1886
Ologbobiri	268	November 11, „
Omoku (see Okaba Omoku).		
Omourum	122	September 9, 1885
Ondawarri	269	November 11, 1886
Onougu	124	March 27, 1885
Opai Atshaka	261	December 12, 1884

Territory.	Index No.	Date.
Opai Obeze	93	March 29, 1885
Opokoni	154	„ 16, „
Opehamah	257	June 18, 1888
Opokuma	46	April 24, 1884
Oporo	8	June 10, 1885
Oputuwarri	270	November 11, 1886
Orea	145	February 27, 1885
Orudda	258	June 18, 1888
Osiamah	271	November 11, 1886
Osutshi Ane Otsha	102	„ 17, 1884
Otagba..	64	July 29, 1885
Ottah	153	March 13, „
Otuwa..	272	November 6, 1886
Oyormor	7	June 10, 1885
Pakiama	39	October 17, 1886
Permobri	4	June 9, 1885
Sagbama	41	December 29, 1884
Samabri	67	February 23, 1885
Sengana	2	December 17, 1884
Timboh	31	October 28, 1885
Todama	152	March 12, „
Tombiah	19	June 12, „
Ugi	142	December 27, 1884
Umari..	119	February 27, 1885
Umuogi	117	June 4, „
Umoru..	72	February 23, „
Umotshi	98	March 4, „
Umuazu	266	December 19, 1884
Umudara (see Okija Umudara).		
Umuetshi	263	„ 19, „
Umugor	265	„ 19, „
Utoku	69	February 23, 1885
Utu	74	„ 22, „

Form No. 5.

We, the undersigned Chiefs of , with the view to the bettering of the condition of our country and people, do this day cede to the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited), for ever, the whole of our territory extending from .

We also give to the said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) full power to settle all native disputes arising from any cause whatever, and we pledge ourselves not to enter into any war with other tribes without the sanction of the said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited).

We understand that the said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) have full power to mine, farm, and build in any portion of our country.

We bind ourselves not to have any intercourse with any strangers or foreigners except through the said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited).

In consideration of the foregoing, the said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) bind themselves not to interfere with any of the native laws or customs of the country, consistently with the maintenance of order and good government.

The said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) agree to pay native owners of land a reasonable amount for any portion they may require.

The said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) bind themselves to protect the said Chiefs from the attacks of any neighbouring aggressive tribes.

The said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) also agree to pay the said Chiefs measures native value.

We, the undersigned witnesses, do hereby solemnly declare that the Chiefs whose names are placed opposite their respective crosses have in our presence affixed their crosses of their own free will and consent, and that the said has in our presence affixed his signature.

(Signed)

Done in triplicate at , this day of , 188 .

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Declaration by Interpreter.

I, , of , do hereby solemnly declare that I am well acquainted with the language of the country, and that on the day of , 188 , I truly and faithfully explained the above Agreement to all the Chiefs present, and that they understood its meaning.

TREATIES under Form No. 6.

Territory.	Index No.	Date.
Achiagi	208	August 16, 1885
Addaw	219	April 27, „
Agesa (Agu)	216	„ 17, „
Ajincoo	213	„ 15, „
Anyappa	211	„ 14, „
Bagumar	217	„ 17, „
Beriwoosoo	209	„ 16, „
Boawi	215	„ 16, „
Chosah	220	„ 27, „
Condra..	221	„ 27, „
Mamimquassa	222	„ 27, „
Mamondo	212	„ 14, „
Maveo	218	„ 18, „
Nufali	226	„ 29, „
N'yamchadda	225	„ 28, „
Pampam	223	„ 27, „
Quanati	214	„ 15, „
Qué	224	„ 27, „
Schapia	210	November 16, „

Form No. 6.

We, the King and Chiefs of , in Council assembled, do cede to the National African Company (Limited), of London, their heirs and assigns, for ever, all our territory extending from , with all sovereign rights.

We also agree that no one shall have a right to mine in our country (either foreigner or native) without the sanction of the National African Company, their heirs or assigns.

We also give to the National African Company, their heirs or assigns, the power to exclude all or any foreigners from our country.

The National African Company agree to govern on the basis of the native laws as among the natives themselves, and not to interfere with the rights of private property.

The National African Company agree to pay, as Sovereign, a subsidy of six pieces of cloth per annum to the former Rulers of the country.

Signatures :

Witness :

Declaration by Interpreter.

I, , native of , do hereby declare that I am well acquainted with the language, and have interpreted the foregoing to the King and Chiefs, and they understand its meaning.

(Signed)

TREATY under Form No. 7.

Territory.	Index No.	Date.
Muri	321	January 30, 1885

Form No. 7.

Agreement made on the day of , 188 , between Head Chief of the country of , and his or Council of Chiefs and their people on the one hand, and the National African Company (Limited) on the other hand.

As in past times, disputes and palavers have arisen among the various European and other strangers and foreigners in the River Niger, and between these and the natives, and as it is desirable to prevent such disputes and palavers again occurring by making a perpetual settlement, placing under one supreme authority all relations and affairs between the natives of and all strangers and foreigners: Therefore we, the Head Chief and Chiefs, and people of , being assembled in , and acting in accordance with the laws of our country, do (in consideration of the in goods, receipt of which we hereby acknowledge, and in consideration of the further annual payment mentioned below), hereby promise and bind ourselves and our successors to keep and fulfil the following Articles of this Agreement:—

1. We give and grant to the National African Company (Limited) the entire and sole authority to grant, on such terms as that Company may think fit, to European or other strangers and foreigners, the right to trade, to work mines, to cultivate ground, to gather produce of any kind, or to carry on any other occupations in our county; and we agree that we will not grant such rights to, nor deal in any way with, any strangers and foreigners, nor enter into any Treaties whatever with them, without the consent and authority of the National African Company (Limited).

2. We promise full liberty and protection to the National African Company (Limited) in carrying on its various trades, mining operations, and all other occupations, and we give and grant to that Company complete freedom and immunity from or other taxes of any kind whatever.

3. We agree that the National African Company (Limited) shall have the sole right to supply all other strangers and foreigners with wood and other fuel.

4. We agree that the National African Company (Limited) shall have the sole and exclusive right to impose, farm, and retain for its own benefit, all and any duties it may think proper on goods landed by any strangers or foreigners from the river, or on native produce shipped by any strangers or foreigners from the land, and that we will not at any time interfere with that Company in so doing, but will give it every assistance to enforce such duties as acting on our behalf, and with the full authority of the laws of our country.

And I, , on behalf of the National African Company (Limited), having paid to the Chiefs of the above-mentioned in goods, do hereby promise to the Head Chief, , Chiefs, and people of , that, in further consideration of this Agreement, that Company will pay them annually .

And I further agree, on behalf of the National African Company (Limited), that nothing in this Agreement shall be allowed to interfere with the present rights of the natives of the country of amongst themselves, nor shall it give any authority or right to that Company, or to any person on its behalf, to occupy land, to fell trees, or in any other way to interfere with private property, without due permission or purchase of the same from the owner, as heretofore.

This Agreement having been interpreted to us, the above-mentioned Chiefs in , we hereby approve and accept it, for ourselves and for our people and with their consent, and in testimony of this, having no knowledge of writing, do affix our marks below it; and I, , for and on behalf of the National African Company (Limited), do hereby affix my hand.

We, the undersigned witnesses, do hereby solemnly declare that the Chiefs whose names are placed opposite their respective crosses have, in our presence, affixed their crosses of their own free will and consent, and that the said has in our presence affixed his signature.

Declaration by Interpreter.

I, , native of , do hereby solemnly declare that I am well acquainted with the language of the country, and that, on the day of ,

at a Council held at , I truly and faithfully explained the above Agreement to all the Chiefs present, and that they understood its meaning.

TREATIES under Form No. 8.

Territory.	Index No.	Date.
Bajembor	195	June 13, 1885
Bapaasa	188	„ 15, „
Buruhu	194	„ 14, „
Ikurawa	198	„ 12, „
Imgboro	192	„ 15, „
Ishara	196	„ 14, „
Jimetchu	189	„ 15, „
Katsena Alla	200	„ 8, „
Mungornor	193	„ 14, „
Mungova	190	„ 15, „
Okortundor	201	„ 11, „
Palava	191	„ 15, „
Sausagi	199	„ 12, „
Tigga	197	„ 6, „

Form No. 8.

Agreement made on the day of , 188 , between the King and Chiefs of and the National African Company (Limited) of London.

We, the undersigned King and Chiefs of , with a view to the bettering of the condition of our country and people, do this day cede, with all sovereign rights, to the National African Company (Limited), for ever, the whole of our territory extending from .

We also agree that all disputes arising between British or foreign traders or neighbouring tribes shall be submitted to the said National African Company (Limited) for settlement.

We also understand that the National African Company have sole power to mine, farm, and build in any portion of our territory.

We also give the National African Company the power to exclude all or any foreigners from our country.

In consideration of the foregoing, the said National African Company bind themselves not to interfere with any native laws or customs of the country consistently with the maintenance of order and good government.

The National African Company agree to pay native owners of land a reasonable amount for any portion they may require.

The National African Company also agree to pay the said King and Chiefs the value of per annum.

This Agreement having been interpreted to us, the above-mentioned King and Chiefs of , we hereby approve and accept it for ourselves, and for our people with their consent, and in testimony of this, having no knowledge of writing, do affix our marks below it; and I, on behalf of the National African Company (Limited), do hereby affix my hand.

We, the undersigned witnesses, do hereby solemnly declare that the Chiefs whose names are placed against their respective crosses have, in our presence, affixed their crosses of their own free will and consent, and the said has, in our presence, affixed his signature.

Declaration by Interpreter.

I, , native of , do hereby solemnly declare that I am well acquainted with the language, and have interpreted the foregoing to the said King and Chiefs, and they understand its meaning.

Treaties under Form No. 9.

Territory.	Index No.	Date.
Agwebiri	289	July 26, 1889
Agwohbiri	288	„ 26, „
Ecebri	283	„ 6, „
Egbanatoro	281	„ 30, „
Ekebiri	286	„ 19, „
Enowarri	285	„ 5, „
Gbebi	296	September 13, „
Ibouza	294	May 17, „
Korokorossi	287	July 10, „
Ofunobiri	284	„ 8, „
Poulabouga	282	April 13, „
Sintako	297	October 14, „
Takum	313	January 4, 1890

Form No. 9.

Treaty made on the day of , 18 , between the Chiefs of on the one hand, and the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited), hereinafter called "the Company," on the other hand.

1. We, the undersigned Chiefs of , with the consent of our people, and with the view of bettering their condition, do this day cede to the Company, and to their assigns, for ever, the whole of our territory; but the Company shall pay private owners a reasonable amount for any portion of land that the Company may require from time to time.

2. We hereby give to the Company and their assigns, for ever, full jurisdiction of every kind; and we pledge ourselves not to enter into any war with other tribes without the sanction of the Company.

3. We also give to the Company and their assigns, for ever, the sole right to mine in our territory.

4. In consideration of the foregoing, the Company bind themselves not to interfere with any of the native laws or customs of the country, except so far as may be necessary for good government and the maintenance of order.

5. The Company bind themselves to protect, as far as practicable, the said Chiefs from the attacks of any neighbouring aggressive tribes.

6. In consideration of the above, the Company have this day paid the said Chiefs of goods to the value of , receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

This Agreement having been interpreted to us, the above-mentioned Chiefs of , we hereby approve, and accept it for ourselves and for our people with their consent, and, in testimony of this, having no knowledge of writing, do affix our marks below it, and I, , for and on behalf of the Company, do hereby affix my hand.

We, the undersigned witnesses, do hereby solemnly declare that the Chiefs whose names are placed opposite their respective marks have in our presence affixed their marks of their own free will and consent, and the said has, in our presence, affixed his signature.

(Signed)

For the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited),

(Signed)

Declaration by Interpreter.

I, , native of , do hereby solemnly declare that I am well acquainted with the language, and that on the

day of , 18 , I truly and faithfully explained the above Agreement to all the native signatories whose marks are affixed to this Treaty, and that they understood its meaning.

Witnesses to the above mark signature:

(Signed)

Done in triplicate at , this day of , 18 .

TREATIES under Form No. 10.

Territory.	Index No.	Date.
Akaboh	325	March 14, 1892
Akapotshi	326	„ 14, „
Amakofia Ubi	327	„ 14, „
Egbu-ku	328	„ 14, „
Egbu-n-ta	329	„ 14, „
Eknalo	330	„ 14, „
Gongomo	312	„ 17, 1890
Inde Ukukwa	331	„ 14, 1892
Isi Umudirossa	342	May 10, „
Itshicke and Umuneosa	332	March 14, „
Kwana	311	„ 31, 1890
Obba	293	September 3, „
Obilako	333	March 14, 1892
Oboniki	291	May 27, 1890
Ogidi	290	„ 13, „
Okka	324	November 16, „
Oreilla	341	May 4, 1892
Orjie	334	March 14, „
Owere	335	„ 14, „
Ozara	336	„ 14, „
Ubi (see Amakofia Ubi).		
Uburin	337	„ 14, „
Udo	338	„ 14, „
Ukukwa (see Inde-Ukukwa).		
Umuba	339	„ 14, „
Umudirossa (see Ibi Umudirossa).		
Umuneosa (see Itshicke).		
Umuodu	340	„ 14, „
Unkwereh	292	May 21, 1890

Form No. 10.

Treaty made on the day of , 18 , between on the one hand, and the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited), for themselves and their assigns, for ever, hereinafter called "The Company," on the other hand.

1. We, the undersigned King and Chiefs of , with the view of bettering the condition of our country and people, do this day cede to the Company, including as above their assigns, for ever, the whole of our territory, but the Company shall pay private landowners a reasonable amount for any portion of land that the Company may require from time to time.

2. We thereby give to the Company and their assigns, for ever, full jurisdiction of every kind, and we pledge ourselves not to enter into any war with other tribes without the sanction of the Company.

3. We give to the Company and their assigns, for ever, the sole right to mine in any portion of our territory.

4. We bind ourselves not to have any intercourse as representing our tribe or state, on tribal or state affairs, with any person or persons other than the Company, who are hereby recognized as the authorized Government of our territories; but this provision shall in no way authorize any monopoly of trade, direct or indirect, by the Company

or others, nor any restriction of private or commercial intercourse with any person or persons of any nation whatsoever, subject, however, to administrative dispositions in the interests of commerce and of order.

5. In consideration of the foregoing, the Company bind themselves not to interfere with any of the native laws or customs of the country, consistently with the maintenance of order and good government, and the progress of civilization.

6. The Company bind themselves to protect, as far as practicable, the said King and Chiefs from the attacks of any neighbouring aggressive tribes.

7. In consideration of the above, the Company have this day paid the said King and Chiefs of goods to the value of , receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

This Treaty having been interpreted to us, the above-mentioned King and Chiefs of , we hereby approve and accept it for ourselves and for our people, and in testimony of this, having no knowledge of writing, do affix our marks below it.

We, the undersigned witnesses, do hereby solemnly declare that the King and Chiefs whose names are placed opposite their respective marks have, in our presence, affixed their marks of their own free will and consent, and that , on behalf of the Company, has, in our presence, affixed his signature.

I, , for and on behalf of the Company, do hereby approve and accept the above Treaty, and hereby affix my hand.

Declaration by Interpreter.

I, , native of , do hereby solemnly de clae that I am well acquainted with the language, and that on the day of , 18 , I truly and faithfully explained the above Treaty to all the native signatories, and that they understood its meaning.

Witnesses to the above mark or signatnre :

(Signed)

Done in triplicate at , this day of , 18 .

TREATIES under Various Forms.

Territory.	Index No.	Date.
Ageyeh	304	April 8, 1885
Akassa	3	November 20, 1884
Bassama	314	February 3, 1890
Batsurror	187	May 30, 1885
Bautshi	316	April 1, 1888
Borgu (Boussa)	303	January 20, 1890
Dampara	309	October 16, 1889
Demsa	315	January 5, 1890
Donga	320	„ 2, 1885
Egori	156	November 13, 1884
Gandu (1st)	236	June 13, 1885
Gandu (2nd)	318	April 7, 1890
Gandy	159	June 4, 1885
Ilorin	302	August 9, 1890
Jibu	308	October 15, 1889
Laffiagi	301	March 31, 1885
Lapai	300	„ 28, „
Nupé (1st)	322	„ 19, „
„ (2nd)	323	December 26, 1889
Shonga	299	April 15, 1885
Sokoto (1st)	237	June 1, „
„ (2nd)	319	April 15, 1890

We, the King and Chiefs of Ageyeh, in Council assembled, accept the protection offered by the National African Company (Limited), of London, of the British flag.

We, the King and Chiefs, reserve to ourselves the right of governing our own people according to our laws and customs, but give to the National African Company (Limited) the rights of governing all foreigners resident in our country, and to exclude them altogether should they think fit.

We place no restrictions as to the method to be observed in the governing of foreigners in our country, but leave it entirely to the National African Company (Limited) to adopt such measures as they think fit.

In consideration of the above being strictly adhered to, the National African Company (Limited) promise to pay to the King a yearly subsidy.

(For D. McIntosh),
(Signed) W. J. GEORGE.

Witness :
(Signed) W. A. SMITH.

(Arabic signatures.)

I, William John George, native of Sierra Leone, being well acquainted with the Nupé language, declare that the King and Chiefs understand the nature of this Agreement.

Drawn this 8th day of April, in the year of our Lord 1885.

We, the undersigned King and Chiefs, in consideration of the benefit that is done to our country by the establishing of factories in it, do hereby cede to the National African Company (Limited) and their administrators, for ever, the whole of our country on both banks of the River Nun, and which extends up to Sunday Island.

Done in duplicate at Akassa, this 20th day of November, 1884.

(Signed) KING BOA, his × mark.

Chiefs—
BOY, *ditto.*
TERRABERRY, *ditto.*
AKEGA, *ditto.*
AKALAMA, *ditto.*
OWAGAR, *ditto.*
WARRABOOYA, *ditto.*
PAKARRA, *ditto.*
EGBERRYDIFA, *ditto.*
KIDKEBAR, *ditto.*

Witnesses to the mark signatures :
(Signed) JOSEPH FLINT.
E. CHRISTIAN.
E. PIERCE.

I, the undersigned Occoro, duly interpreted the above to the King and Chiefs, and they thoroughly understood all.

(Signed) OCCORO, his × mark.

Witness :
(Signed) JOSEPH FLINT.

Treaty entered into the 3rd day of February, 1890, between the King and Chiefs of Bassama of the one part, and the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) of the other part.

We, the undersigned King and Chiefs of Bassama, for the purpose of bettering the condition of our country, do this day cede to the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited), their heirs and assigns, for ever, the whole of our territory, with sovereign rights.

We fully understand the said Company have full power to mine and carry on all their trading operations in every part of our territory, and we bind ourselves to do our utmost to keep open all roads for the purpose of trade.

We bind ourselves not to enter into any war with other tribes without the sanction of the said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited).

In consideration of the above, the said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) bind themselves to pay native owners of land a reasonable amount for any part they wish to occupy.

The said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) agree not to interfere with any native laws or customs of the country consistently with the maintenance of order and good government.

The Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) bind themselves to protect, as far as practicable, the said King, Chiefs, and people from the attacks of hostile tribes.

The provisions of this Treaty being duly carried out, the said Royal Niger Company agree to pay the said King and Chiefs of Bassama goods to the value of 15*l.* per annum.

(Signed) GEO. WATSON, *District Agent.*
KING DONTORY, his × mark.
MASIEKABILL, 1*st Chief, ditto.*
MAUGNERA, 2*nd Chief, ditto.*
IANTIFE, 3*rd Chief, ditto.*

I, the undersigned witness, do hereby solemnly declare that the above King and Chiefs have, in my presence, affixed their marks of their own free will and consent, and the said District Agent has in my presence affixed his signature.

(Signed) H. P. MORRIS.

Declaration by Interpreters.

I, Cobina Prah, native of Elmina, do hereby solemnly declare that I am well acquainted with the Haussa language, and that I have this day truly and faithfully interpreted the foregoing to the undermentioned Mamah, and he understood its meaning.

(Signed) COBINA PRAH, his × mark.

I, Mamah, native of Numan, do hereby solemnly declare that I am well acquainted with the Haussa and Bassama languages, and that I truly and faithfully interpreted the above Treaty to the King and Chiefs of Bassama, as told me by the said Cobina Prah, and that they understood its meaning.

(Signed) MAMAH, his × mark.

(Signed) H. P. MORRIS.

We, the undersigned King and Chief of Batsurror, in Council assembled, do cede to the National African Company (Limited) of London, their heirs and assigns, for ever, all our territories extending within a radius of 6 miles, with all sovereign rights.

We also agree that no one shall have a right to mine in our country (either foreigner or native) without the sanction of the said National African Company, their heirs or assigns.

We also give the National African Company, their heirs and assigns, the power to exclude all or any foreigners from our country.

In consideration of the foregoing, the said National African Company agree to govern on the basis of the native laws as among the natives themselves, and not to interfere with the rights of private property.

The said National African Company agree to pay as Sovereign a subsidy of five bags of cowries per annum to the former Rulers of the country.

(Signed) WM. WALLACE.
KING AGAANU, his × mark.
IPA, *Head Chief, ditto.*

Witnesses :
(Signed) FRED. J. GRIFFITHS.
URIAH H. BENNET.

Declaration by Interpreter.

I, N. O. McAulay, native of Lagos, do hereby declare that I am well acquainted with the Mitshi language, and have interpreted the foregoing to the King and Chief, and they understand its meaning.

May 30, 1885.

Know all men, by these presents, that it is mutually agreed between the King of Bautshi on the one part, and Charles William McIntosh, Senior Executive Officer for and on behalf of the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) of London, on the other part, as follows:

That we, the King and Chiefs of Yakoba, capital of the State of Bautshi, in Council assembled, do, for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, agree to bind ourselves aud our successors to keep and fulfil the following Articles of this Agreement:—

1. I, the undersigned King of Bautshi, with a view to the bettering of the condition of my country and people, do this day cede to the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited), for ever, the whole of my territory extending from Kano and Bornu on the north, Muri and the River Benué on the south, Adamawa on the east, Zaria and Nassarawa on the west.

2. I also grant to the said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) full power to settle all native disputes arising from any cause whatever, and I pledge myself not to enter into any war with other tribes without the sanction of the said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited).

3. I further agree that the said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) shall have full power to mine, farm, build, and carry on any other occupation when and wheresoever they may wish in any portion of my territory.

4. I bind myself not to have any intercourse with strangers or foreigners except through the said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited).

5. I also agree that the said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) may from time to time levy such duties on import and export goods as is customary throughout other parts of the territories of the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited).

In consideration of the foregoing, the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) bind themselves to keep and fulfil the following Articles:—

1. That they will not interfere with the native laws or customs of the country consistent with the maintenance of order and good government.

2. The Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) agree to pay native owners of land a reasonable amount for any portion they may require.

3. The Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) also agree to pay the said King 200 bags of cowries per annum. To be paid in goods.

The foregoing having been interpreted to me, the said King of Bautshi, on the 1st day of April, 1888, I hereby approve of and accept it for myself and for my people, and with their consent, and in testimony of this I hereunder affix my signature.

And I, Charles William McIntosh, Senior Executive Officer for and on behalf of the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited), do hereby affix my hand.

(Signed) C. W. McINTOSH, *Senior Executive Officer, the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited), Benué.*

OMORU, *King of Bautshi.*

We, the undersigned witnesses, do hereby solemnly declare that the aforesaid King has in our presence affixed his signature of his own free will and consent, and that the said Charles William McIntosh has in our presence affixed his signature.

Witnesses:

(Signed) W. MEDWIN SARGEANT,
District Agent.

J. H. HARDING.

I, Arthur da Costa Soares, native of Whydah, do hereby solemnly declare that I am well acquainted with the language of the Bautshi country, and that on the 1st day of April, 1888, at a Council held at Yakoba, capital of the State of Bautshi, I truly and faithfully explained the foregoing to the aforesaid King, and he understood its meaning.

(Signed) A. C. SOARES, *Interpreter.*

Treaty entered into between the Emir and Chiefs of Boussa (or Borgu) on behalf of themselves and their successors, for ever, and the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited), hereinafter called "the Company," on behalf of themselves, their successors, and assigns.

We, the Emir and Chiefs of Boussa (or Borgu), in Council assembled (representing our country, its dependencies, and tributaries on both banks of the River Niger, and as far

back as our dominion extends, in accordance with our laws and customs), do hereby agree, on behalf of ourselves and of our successors, for ever :—

Firstly.—To observe faithfully the Agreement entered into between us and the Company (then known as the National African Company, Limited), and dated the 12th day of November, 1885.

Secondly.—To grant to the Company full and absolute jurisdiction over all foreigners to our territories—that is to say, over all persons within the territories who are not our native-born subjects. Such jurisdiction shall include the right of protection of such foreigners, of taxation of such foreigners, and of political, criminal, and civil jurisdiction over such foreigners.

Thirdly.—That we will not at any time whatever cede any of our territories to any other person or State, or enter into any Agreement, Treaty, or arrangement with any foreign Government, except through and with the consent of the Company ; or, if the Company should at any time so desire, with the consent of the Government of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, and Empress of India.

Fourthly.—To place our territories, if and when called upon to do so by the Company, under the protection of the flag of Great Britain.

And we, the Royal Niger Company, on behalf of ourselves, our successors, and assigns, for ever, hereby agree :—

Firstly.—To admit to the territories of Boussa (or Borgu) any foreigner who may desire to go there, subject to such necessary restrictions as may be necessary in the interests of peace and order.

Secondly.—To permit all such foreigners to trade freely, subject to the payment of such taxation as may be necessary for administrative purposes in Boussa (or Borgu), or for the general administration of the Company.

Thirdly.—To do our utmost to promote the prosperity and wealth of Boussa (or Borgu), and to develop and open up that country, and to do the utmost in our power to promote peace, order, and good government, and the general progress of civilization.

Fourthly.—To pay to the Emir of Boussa (or Borgu) a yearly sum of fifty bags, native value, in any class of goods, to be taken at the market value of the place where and when the payment is made.

For the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited),
(Signed) WILL LISTER.

Signatures of the Emir and Chiefs :
(Signed) DACHTRA (or DAGGA), *Emir of Boussa (or Borgu)*, his × mark.
MOMO (eldest son of Emir), *ditto*.
MUSA, *Eyusu, ditto*.
SERIKIN RUA, *Chief, ditto*.

We, the Undersigned, are witnesses to the above signatures and marks.
(Signed) GILA.
(Arabic signature.)

I, William Reffle, do hereby certify that the above has been faithfully interpreted to the Emir and Chiefs of Boussa (or Borgu), and understood by them in every sense.
(Signed) W. REFFLE.

Done in triplicate at Boussa, this 20th day of January, 1890.

Petition af the People of Dampara to the Royal Niger Company, Benué River.

1. We, the undersigned Chiefs and people of Dampara, pray that you will extend towards us the protection of your Government, and we earnestly beg you to allow us to become its subjects.

2. We are in great distress lest we be caught and sold into slavery by the people of the surrounding Kings and Emirs, which must be the case if you do not protect us.

Recently our leader was killed in war against certain Mahommedans from the town of Wase, who came to fight against him ; he was a friend of your Government, and knew it ; now he is dead we are in your hands.

3. We are anxious to be governed by your laws, which laws we will never break.

4. We are willing to be guided in everything by your Government, and whatsoever you require us to do we will do.

5. We will, in times of peace, cultivate whatsoever land you wish us to cultivate.

6. We will, should war overtake you, help you to fight your enemies so long as our strength remains.

In testimony of the foregoing we hereunto affix our signatures, this 16th day of October, 1889, at Ibi Station, Benué River.

Arabic signatures of the following :

(Signed) HARJI, *Chief.*
ARJOUSON, *Elder Galadima.*
PANPARMI, *Obaudowaki.*
ASIN, *Mokonjiji.*
ARSHU, *Wombaji.*
SASHI, *Sheruma.*
ARGBU, *Bariya.*
AGARDA, *Kuyembana.*
ARDI, *Serriki n'Yaaki.*
ARKAM, *Shamiki.*
ANGWAY, *Serrikin Fada.*
BABA DA RAI, *Serriki n'Kudu.*
ADAMU, *Urima.*
ALILU, *Serrikin Fada.*
ABDULAI, *Jakarda.*
ASIN, *Takura.*

I, E. W. Isaacs, native of Lagos, do hereby solemnly declare that I am well acquainted with the Haussa language, and that on the 16th October, 1889, I truly and faithfully explained the above to the native signatories whose names are affixed hereto.

(Signed) E. W. ISAACS.

And whereas we, the undersigned officers of the Niger Government, on behalf of that Government, hereby certify that certain fugitive natives of Dampara have this day petitioned the Benué branch of the Niger Government to become its lawful subjects;

In consideration of the Petition in question, we, the Undersigned, on behalf of the Niger Government, believing the petitioners to be sincere, undertake, from date hereof, to protect them from aggression so long as they bide by the laws of the Territories; and this shall be subject to the ratification of the Governing Council of the Territories in London.

(Signed) C. W. McINTOSH, *Senior Executive Officer, Benué River, Niger Territories.*
EGBERT DANGERFIELD, *Acting Senior Executive Officer, Benué River, Niger Territories.*

Witness :
(Signed) J. ZWEIFEL.

Given under our hand at Ibi Station, on this 16th day of October, 1889.

Treaty entered into this 5th day of January, 1890, between the Chiefs of Demsa on the one part, and the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) on the other part.

We, the undersigned Chiefs of Demsa, for the purpose of bettering the condition of our country, do this day cede to the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited), their heirs and assigns, for ever, the whole of our territory, with sovereign rights.

We fully understand the said Company have full power to mine and carry on all their trading operations in every part of our territory; and we bind ourselves to do our utmost to keep open all roads for the purpose of trade.

We bind ourselves not to enter into any war with other tribes without the sanction of the said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited).

In consideration of the above, the said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) bind themselves to pay native owners of land a reasonable amount for any part they wish to occupy.

The said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) agree not to interfere with any native laws or customs of the country consistent with the maintenance of order and good government.

The Royal Niger Campany (Chartered and Limited) bind themselves to protect, as far as practicable, the said Chiefs and people from the attacks of hostile tribes.

The provisions of this Treaty being duly carried out, the said Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) agree to pay the said Chiefs of Demsa goods to the value of 10*l.* per annum.

(Signed) GEO. WATSON, *District Agent.*
SERIKE, *Head Chief,* his × mark.
ZOBALAR, 2*nd Chief, ditto.*
TARKOROBENATEE, 3*rd Chief, ditto.*

I, the undersigned witness, do hereby solemnly declare that the above Chiefs have, in my presence, affixed their marks of their own free will and consent, and the said District Agent has, in my presence, affixed his signature.

(Signed) W. D. GEORGE,
Station Agent, Numan.

Declaration by Interpreters.

I, Quabina Prah, native of Elmina, do hereby solemnly declare that I am well acquainted with the Haussa language, and that I have this day truly and faithfully interpreted the foregoing to the undermentioned Mamah, and he understood its meaning.

(Signed) QUABINA PRAH, his × mark.

I, Mamah, native of Numan, do hereby solemnly declare that I am well acquainted with the Haussa and Bassama languages, and that I truly and faithfully interpreted the above Treaty to the Chiefs of Demsa, as told me by the said Quabina Prah, and that they understood its meaning.

(Signed) MAMAH, *Native Interpreter,* his × mark.

Agreement made on the 2nd day of January, 1885, between Bilia, King of the country of Donga and all other countries tributary thereto, and his Council of Chiefs and their people, on the one hand, and the National African Company (Limited) on the other hand.

To prevent disputes and palavers arising between strangers and foreigners in our country, and between these and the natives, the said King and Chiefs hereby make a perpetual settlement, placing under one supreme authority all relations and affairs between the natives of the countries aforesaid and all strangers and foreigners. Therefore, we, the King, Chiefs, and people aforesaid, being assembled in the town of Donga, and acting in accordance with the laws of our country, do (in consideration of the value of ninety bags cowries in goods, receipt of which we hereby acknowledge, and in consideration of the further annual payment mentioned below) hereby promise and bind ourselves and our successors to keep and fulfil the following Articles of this Agreement:—

1. We give and grant to the said Company the entire and sole authority to grant, on such terms as they may think fit, to strangers and foreigners, the right to trade, to work mines, to cultivate ground, to gather produce of any kind, or to carry on any other occupations in our country; and we agree that we will not grant such rights to, nor deal in any way with, any strangers or foreigners, nor enter into any Treaties whatever with them, without the consent and authority of the said Company.

2. We promise full liberty and protection to the said Company in carrying on its various trades, mining operations, and all other occupations; and we give and grant to the said Company complete freedom and immunity from comey or other taxes of any kind whatever other than the annual payment mentioned below.

3. We agree that the said Company shall have the sole right to supply all other strangers and foreigners with wood or other fuel.

4. We agree that the said Company shall have the sole and exclusive right to impose, farm, and retain for its own benefit, all and any duties it may think proper on goods

landed by any strangers or foreigners from the river, or on native produce shipped by any strangers or foreigners from the land, and that we will not at any time interfere with that Company in so doing, but will give it every assistance to enforce such duties, as acting on our behalf, and with the full authority of the laws of our country.

5. We agree to do our utmost to encourage the natives of the surrounding tribes to bring all produce they may desire to sell to Donga without levying any duty or taxes whatsoever, and generally to extend and increase the trade both in our own countries and those surrounding.

6. In the event of any quarrel arising between any of the natives and any of the employés of the said Company, the dispute shall be settled by the King, if possible, but if this cannot be done to the satisfaction of both parties, the matter must remain in abeyance until the arrival of the Agent for the said Company, when the case may be judged by the King and the said Agent.

And I, David McIntosh, on behalf of the said Company, having paid to the said King and Chiefs the above-mentioned ninety bags cowries in goods, do hereby promise to the said King, Chiefs, and people, that, in further consideration of this Agreement, the said Company will pay them annually the value of sixty bags cowries, and I further agree on behalf of the said Company that nothing in this Agreement shall be allowed to interfere with the present rights of the natives of the said countries amongst themselves, nor shall it give any authority or right to the said Company, or to any person on its behalf, to occupy land, to fell trees, or in any other way to interfere with private property without due permission or purchase of the same from the owner as heretofore.

This Agreemeut having been interpreted to us, the said King and Chiefs in Donga, we hereby approve and accept it for ourselves and for our people, and with their consent and in testimony of this, having no knowledge of writing, do affix our marks below it, and I, David McIntosh, for and on behalf of the said Company, do hereby affix my hand.

(Signed) DAVID McINTOSH.
KING BILIA, his × mark.

Signatures attested by—
(Signed) WM. WALLACE.
DANIEL DEVENPORT.

Declaration by Interpreters.

We, William Newman Thomas and David Ashford King, natives of Sierra Leone, do hereby solemnly declare that we are well acquainted with the language in general use in the country, and that on the 2nd day of January, 1885, at a Council held at Donga, we truly and faithfully explained the above Agreement to the King and all the Chiefs present, and that they understood its meaning.

(Signed) WM. NEWMAN THOMAS.
DAVID ASHFORD KING.

Egorie, River Niger, November 13, 1884.

After many years' experience, we, the King and Chiefs of Egorie, fully recognize the benefit accorded to other countries by their intercourse with the National African Company (Limited), and, in order that we may reap the same benefits, we now cede the whole of our territory to the said National African Company (Limited), and their administrators, for ever, the boundaries of which are Ejoda at the upper end and Akoo wharf at the lower end, on consideration that they establish a factory therein. In consideration of this, the National African Company (Limited) will not interfere with any of the native laws, and also not encroach on any private property unless the value is agreed upon by the owner and the said National African Company (Limited).

The National African Company (Limited) will reserve to themselves the right of excluding foreign settlers.

Any palaver that may exist with any other tribe at any time, or in the event of any dispute arising between the natives of Egorie and territory, shall at once be referred to the said National African Company (Limited), or their representative at the time.

We, the King and Chiefs of Egorie, do hereby agree to afford assistance at any time for the protection of the said National African Company (Limited), property, and people.

In approval of the foregoing Agreement, we, the King and Chief, do hereby affix our names as under.

Isaka, King of Egorie, represented by—
(Signed) MANDI, his × mark.
NOMOGUE, *ditto*.
ABKOR, *Chief of Egorie*, *ditto*.

We, the Undersigned, are witnesses to the marks of the King and Chief of Egorie, and also vouch for their understanding what they have signed.

(Signed) G. ROWLES SHEPHERD.
W. ARNOT HAZELAY.
For the National African Company (Limited),
(*Pro* W. J. Seago),
(Signed) D. McINTOSH.

English Duplicate of Treaty between Maliké, King of Gandu, for himself and Chiefs, on the one part, and those Europeans trading on the Kworra and Benué, under the name of the National African Company (Limited), on the other part.

ARTICLE I.

For the mutual advantage of myself and people, and of those Europeans trading under the name of "The National African Company (Limited)," I, Maliké, of Gandu, with the consent and advice of my Council, grant and transfer to the above people, or others with whom they may arrange in future, my entire rights, absolutely, to the country on both sides of the Rivers Benué and Kworra, for a distance of ten hours' journey inland, or such other distance as they may desire, from each bank of both rivers throughout my dominions.

ARTICLE II.

I further grant to the above-mentioned people the sole right, among foreigners, to trade in my territories, and the sole right, also among foreigners, to possess or work places from which are taken articles such as lead and antimony.

ARTICLE III.

I further declare that no communication will be held with foreigners coming from the rivers except through the above-mentioned people.

ARTICLE IV.

These grants I make for myself, my heirs and successors, and declare them to be unchangeable and irrevocable.

ARTICLE V.

The Europeans above mentioned, under the name of the National African Company (Limited), agree to make a yearly present for the above grants to Maliké, King of Gandu, of goods to the value of 2,000 bags of cowries.

Signed at Gandu, on the 13th June, 1885.

For the National African Company (Limited),
(Signed) JOSEPH THOMSON, *F.R.G.S.*

[Duly executed in Arabic by the Government of Gandu.]

Witnesses:
(Signed) W. J. SEAGO.
D. Z. VIERA.
T. JOSRPH.

[An Arabic duplicate was at the same time executed by both parties.]

Literal translation of second Treaty, in Arabic, between Maliké, King of Gandu, for himself and Chiefs, on the one part, and the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited) on the other part.

Be it known that I, Maliké, King of Gandu, am desirous of introducing European trade in all parts of my dominions, so as to increase the prosperity of my people, and knowing that this cannot be effected except by securing to foreigners the protection of European government, with power of exercising jurisdiction over foreigners as is the custom with them, also with power of levying taxes upon foreigners as may be necessary for the exercise and support of this jurisdiction: I, Maliké, King of Gandu, with the consent and advice of my Council, agree and grant to the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited), formerly known as the "National African Company (Limited)," full and complete power and jurisdiction over all foreigners visiting and residing in any part of my dominions. I also grant you jurisdiction and full rights of protection over all foreigners, also power of raising taxes of any kind whatsoever from such foreigners.

No person shall exercise any jurisdiction over such foreigners nor levy any tax whatsoever on such foreigners than the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited).

These grants I make for myself, my heirs, and successors, and declare them to be unchangeable and irrevocable for ever.

I further confirm the Treaty made by me with the National African Company (Limited), now known as the "Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited)," in the month of June, according to European reckoning, 1885.

Dated at Gandu, this 7th day of April, 1890.

June 4, 1885.

We, the King and Chiefs of Gandy, in Council assembled at Gandy, do cede to the National African Company (Limited), of London, their heirs and assigns, for ever, all our territory, extending from the River Niger on the west to the Kingdom of Otopah on the east, the River Benué on the north to the Marlboro' range of hills to the south and south-east, with all sovereign rights.

We also agree that no one shall have a right to mine or trade in our country without the sanction of the National African Company, their heirs or assigns.

We also give to the National African Company, their heirs or assigns, the power to exclude all or any foreigners from our country.

The National African Company agree to govern on the basis of the native laws as among the natives themselves, and not to interfere with the rights of private property.

The National African Company agree to pay as Sovereign a subsidy of ten bags cowries per annum to the former Rulers of the country.

(Signed) King MASSABA, his × mark.
Chief OGOU, *ditto*.
Chief ENAGEUAGUA, *ditto*.

Witnesses:
(Signed) GEO. WATSON.
G. B. LENNARD.

Declaration by Interpreter.

I, Awdow, native of Lokoja, do hereby declare that I am well acquainted with the language of the people, and have interpreted the foregoing to the King and Chiefs, and they understood its meaning.

(Signed) AWDOW, his × mark.

Witness:
(Signed) GEO. WATSON.

Treaty entered into between the Emir and Chiefs of Illorin, on behalf of themselves and their successors, for ever, and the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited), hereinafter called "the Company," on behalf of themselves, their successors, and assigns.

We, the Emir and Chiefs of Illorin, in Council assembled (represent our country, its dependencies, and tributaries, as far as our dominion extends, in accordance with our

laws and customs), do hereby agree on behalf of ourselves, and of our successors, for ever :—

1. To observe faithfully the Agreement entered into between us and the Company (then known as the National African Company, Limited), and dated the 18th day of April, 1885.

2. To grant to the Company full and absolute jurisdiction over all foreigners to our territories—that is to say, over all persons within the territories who are not our native-born subjects. Such jurisdiction shall include the right of protection of such foreigners, of taxation of such foreigners, and of political, criminal, and civil jurisdiction over such foreigners.

3. That we will not at any time whatever cede any of our territories to any other person or State, nor enter into any Agreement, Treaty, or arrangement with any foreign Government except through and with the consent of the Company, or if the Company should at any time so desire, with the consent of the Government of Her Majesty the Queen of Grent Britain and Ireland and Empress of India.

4. To place our territories, if and when called upon to do so by the Company, uuder the protection of the flag of Great Britain.

And we, the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited), on behalf of ourselves, our successors, and assigns, for ever, hereby agree :—

1. To admit to the territories of Illorin any foreigners who may desire to go there, subject to such necessary restrictions as may be necessary in the interests of peace and order.

2. To permit all such foreigners to trade freely, subject to the payment of such taxation, as may be necessary for administrative purposes in Illorin, or for the general administration of the Company.

3. To do our utmost to promote the prosperity and wealth of Illorin, and to develop and open up that country, and to do the utmost in our power to promote peace, order, and general good government, and the general progress of civilization.

4. Not to import any guns or powder into Illorin territory for the purposes of sale, except for or on behalf of the Emir himself.

5. To cancel the last clause in the Agreement made by the National African Company (Limited) with the Emir and Chiefs of Illorin, and dated the 18th day of April, 1885, and, further, to pay an annual subsidy of 500 bags in native value to the Emir of Illorin; the first payment to be made on the 20th day of September, 1890.

(× Arabic attestation by the Grand Vizier.)

For and on behalf of the Royal Niger Company
(Chartered and Limited),
(Signed) WALTER WATTS.

We, the undersigned witnesses, do hereby solemnly declare that the Emir of Illorin has in our presence affixed his mark of his own free will and consent, and that Walter Watts has, on behalf of the Company, also in our presence affixed his signature.

(Signed) Jos. Sydney Hydes.
(Arabic signature.)

Done in triplicate at Illorin, this 9th day of August, 1890.

Declaration by Interpreter.

I, Joseph Sydney Hydes, native of the Gold Coast Colony, do hereby solemnly declare that I am well acquainted with the Yoruba language, and that on the 9th day of August, 1890, I truly and faithfully explained the foregoing Treaty to the Emir and Chiefs of Illorin, and that they understood its meaning.

(Signed) JOS. SYDNEY HYDES.

Witness to the above signature :
(Signed) Walter Watts.

To whom it may concern,

Whereas we, the undersigned Chief and Elders of the town of Jibu, in Council assembled, do this day desire that the Royal Niger Company extend towards us its friendship and protection.

And we, the aforesaid Chief and Elders of the town of Jibu, do, in consideration of such friendship and protection being afforded to us, hereby solemnly bind ourselves to conform with the following:—

1. We will abide by the laws and regulation of the Government of the Royal Niger Company, and we will never do anything to violate them.

2. Anything whatsoever the Government of the Royal Niger Company may wish us to do, that we are always ready to do.

3. We bind ourselves not to undertake any warlike operations without first obtaining the sanction of the Government of the Royal Niger Company.

4. We bind ourselves to do all that lays in our power to keep open and safe from marauders all roads leading to and from the different towns and markets round about us. And we will exercise this power over as great a distance as possible.

5. Should the Government of the Royal Niger Company deem it necessary to farm or build in the vicinity of the town of Jibu, we will do all in our power to assist them to do so.

And, in testimony of the above, we hereunto affix our signatures, this 15th day of October, 1889, at Jibu.

Arabic signatures of the following Chief and Elders:—

(Signed) Chief SHISHI.
Elder EDERISA.
Elder MAUMO.
Elder MARMADI.
Elder ABDULAI.
Elder TITEE.
Elder ADAMU.
Elder KOLOH.
Elder DANGOLE.
Elder YANKA.

And whereas we, the undersigned officers of the Benué branch of the Niger Government, believing that the said Chief and Elders of Jibu intend faithfully to carry out the foregoing conditions, do, on behalf of the Company, this day extend to the people of Jibu our friendship and protection for which they ask, so far as may be practicable, and in testimony of which we hereunder affix our signatures, this 15th day of October, 1889.

(Signed) C. W. McINTOSH, *Senior Executive Officer, Benué River, Niger Territories.*
J. ZWEIFEL.

Witness:
(Signed) E. W. ISAACS.

We, the King and Chiefs of Lafiagi, in Council assembled, do hereby accept the protection offered to us by the National African Company (Limited) and of the British flag, and in so doing do so of our own accord and free will, and are clearly within our rights and represent the people of our country, according to our laws and customs.

We, the King and Chiefs of Lafiagi, reserve to ourselves the right of governing our own people according to our laws and customs, but give to the National African Company (Limited) the right of governing all foreigners (including British subjects) resident in our country, and to exclude them altogether should they think fit. We place no restriction as to the method to be observed in the governing of foreigners in our country, but leave it entirely to the National African Company (Limited) to adopt such measures as they think proper.

(Signatures of King and Chiefs in Arabic.)

(For Sherba Ndaygi × Chief Prior),
(Signed) King ALLIHU LAFIAGI, his × mark.

Witness to signature:
(Signed) LOUIS MACFOY MOSES.

I, Matthew Benson Nicol, native of Sierra Leone, being well acquainted with the Nupé and Yoruba languages, declare that the King and Chiefs understand the nature of this deed.

Drawn this 31st day of March, 1885.

We, the King and Chiefs of Lapai, in Council assembled, accept the protection offered by the National African Company (Limited), of London, of the British flag.

We, the King and Chiefs, reserve to ourselves the right of governing our own people according to our own laws and customs, but give to the National African Company (Limited) the rights of governing all foreigners resident in our country, and to exclude them altogether should they think fit.

We place no restriction as to the method to be observed in the governing of foreigners in our country, but leave it entirely to the National African Company (Limited) to adopt such measures as they think fit.

In consideration of the above being strictly adhered to, the National African Company (Limited) promise to pay to the King a yearly subsidy.

(For D. McIntosh),
(Signed) W. JNO. GEORGE.

Witness to signature of the above:
(Signed) F. ALPHONSO JOHN.

(Arabic signature.)

Dated at Lapai, 28th March, 1885.

I, William Jno. George, native of Sierra Leone, being well acquainted with the Nupé language, declare that the King and Chiefs understand the nature of this Agreement.

Memorandum of Agreement made and entered into between the King and Chiefs of the Nupé country and the National African Company (Limited), of Nos. 34 to 40, Ludgate Hill, London.

We, the King and Chiefs of the Nupé country, in Council assembled, being clearly within our rights and representing our country in accordance with our laws and customs, do hereby give and grant, of our own free will and accord, to the National African Company (Limited), their heirs, assigns, or representatives, the following rights for ever:—

1. We give to the National African Company (Limited) the entire charge of all trading interests in the country; all foreigners to the country wishing to have the right to trade therein must obtain permission to do so from the National African Company (Limited).

2. We grant to the National African Company (Limited) the sole right to mine or extract minerals and stones in every part of our country; also sole rights over all alluvial deposits or otherwise.

The National African Company (Limited) on their part agree and bind themselves to allow any one who wishes to trade full liberty, always provided it shall be on equitable terms and according to British law.

A fair value for any lands required by the National African Company (Limited) for mining purposes shall in all cases be paid to the owner thereof.

In consideration of the above, the National African Company (Limited) promise to pay to the King yearly the following comey—800 bags native value.

Pro the National African Company (Limited),
(Signed) D. McINTOSH.

Signatnre of Maliki, Emir of Nupé, on behalf of himself and Chiefs,
(Signature in Arabic.)

Witness to signature of the above Emir of Nupé:
(Signed) R. C. H. PRICE,
National African Company (Limited), Egga.

I, David Ashford King, native of Sierra Leone, being well acquainted with the Nupe language, declare that the King and Chiefs understand the nature of this Agreement.

(Signed) DAVID ASHFORD KING.

Done in duplicate at Bidah, this 19th day of March, 1885.

"This is the word of Maliki, King of Nupé. The covenant I made with McIntosh, I gave him power over all foreigners in the land of Nupé. I gave him power to collect taxes from all foreigners in the land of Nupé. Often I used to say this with my mouth, but now I put it in writing. From twenty years ago I believe in them, and they believe in me, on account of which I gave them the above power.

"I still declare, King Maliki (to the big Annisara), the above words is from me, and I still agree to it. I still give the Company power over all foreigners as above."

December 26, 1889.

We, the King and Chiefs of Shonga, in Council assembled, hereby accept the protection offered by the National African Company (Limited), of London, of the British flag.

We, the King and Chiefs of Shonga, reserve to ourselves the right of governing our own people according to our own laws and customs, but give to the National African Company (Limited) the right of governing all foreigners residing in our country, and to exclude them altogether should they think fit.

We place no restriction as to the method to be observed in the governing of foreigners in our country, but we leave it entirely to the National African Company (Limited) to adopt such measures as they think proper.

Signature of King and Chiefs :

(Signed) MAMADOO GANA, *King of Shonga*, his × mark.

Witness to above signature :

(Signed) R. C. H. PRICE.

(Signed) MARMA, *N'dagi of Shonga, ditto.*

I. Frederick A. Ankrah, being well acquainted with the Nupé and Yoruba languages, do hereby declare that the above has been faithfully interpreted to the King and Chiefs of Shonga, and understood by them in every sense.

(Signed) F. A. ANKRAH.

Shonga, April 15, 1885.

Literal translation of second Treaty, in Arabic, between Umoru, King of the Mussulmans of the Soudan, and Sultan of Sokoto, on the one part, and the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited), on the other part.

Be it known that I, Umoru, King of the Mussulmans, I am desirous of introducing European trade in all parts of my dominions, so as to increase the prosperity of my people, and knowing that this cannot be effected except by securing to foreigners the protection of European government, with power of exercising jurisdiction over foreigners, as is the custom with them; also with power of levying taxes upon foreigners as may be necessary for the exercise and support of this jurisdiction: I, Umoru, King of the Mussulmans of the Soudan, with the consent and advice of my Council, agree and grant to the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited)—formerly known as the "National African Company (Limited) "—full and complete power and jurisdiction over all foreigners visiting or residing in any part of my dominions. I also grant you jurisdiction and full rights of protection over all foreigners; also power of raising taxes of any kind whatsoever from such foreigners.

No person shall exercise any jurisduction over such foreigners, nor levy any tax whatsoever on such foreigners than the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited).

These grants I make for myself, my heirs, and successors, and declare them to be unchangeable and irrevocable for ever.

I further confirm the Treaty made by me with the National African Company (Limited)

—now known as the "Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited)"—in the month of June, according to European reckoning, 1885.

Dated at Wurnu, this 15th day of April, 1890.

Copy of English duplicate of Treaty between Umoru, King of the Mussulmans of the Soudan and Sultan of Sokoto, for himself and Chiefs, on the one part, and those Europeans trading on the Kworra and Benué, under the name of the "National African Company (Limited)," on the other part.

ARTICLE I.

For the mutual advantage of ourselves and people, and those Europeans trading under the name of the "National African Company (Limited)," I, Umoru, King of the Mussulmans of the Soudan, with the consent and advice of my Council, grant and transfer to the above people, or other with whom they may arrange, my entire rights to the country on both sides of the River Benué and rivers flowing into it throughout my dominions for such distance from its and their banks as they may desire.

ARTICLE II.

We further grant to the above-mentioned Company the sole right, among foreigners, to trade in our territories, and the sole right, also among foreigners, to possess or work places from which are extracted articles such as lead and antimony.

ARTICLE III.

We further declare that no communication will be held with foreigners coming from the rivers except through the above-mentioued Company.

ARTICLE IV.

These grants we make for ourselves, our heirs, and successors for ever, and declare them to be irrevocable.

ARTICLE V.

The Europeans above named, the National African Company (Limited), agree to make Umoru, Sultan of Sokoto, a yearly present of goods to the value of 3,000 bags of cowries in return for the above grants.

Signed and sealed at Wurnu, the 1st June, 1885.

(Signature of the Sultan in Arabic.)

(Great seal of the Empire of Sokoto.)

For the National African Company (Limited),
(Signed) JOSEPH THOMSON, *F.R.G.S.*

Witnesses :
(Signed) W. J. SEAGO.
D. Z. VIERA.
T. JOSEPH.

[An Arabic duplicate was at the same time executed by both parties.]

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